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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.182

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Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner to accept pages 8 and 9 of the specification which were properly filed with the application on November 30, 2001.

Applicants contend that pages 8 and 9 were properly filed with the application on November 30, 2001. Attached is a copy of the PTO postcard bearing the PTO mailroom datestamp of November 30, 2001, acknowledging receipt of 71 pages of the specification and claims. This included the properly filed pages

8 and 9. Accordingly, Applicants submit that they are entitled to the November 30, 2001 filing date (see M.P.E.P. § 503). Also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience are copies of pages 8 and 9.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge

Deposit Account No. 50-1710 for the \$130.00 petition fee. The

Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees due

with respect to this filing to Deposit Account No. 50-1710. A

duplicate of this paper is attached for that purpose.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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